

POLICE SR. LATENT PRINT EXAMINER

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES

The fundamental reason the Police Sr. Latent Print Examiner exists is to perform highly skilled technical work involving the application of forensic science and criminalistics techniques, technologies and methodologies in the Scottsdale Police Department. This classification non-supervisory. Work is performed under general supervision by the Crime Lab Manager.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

Provides assistance in training (one on one and classroom setting) Crime Scene Specialists, new crime lab personnel and the general public in various aspects of forensic science and the police department's crime laboratory. Provides feedback on Crime Scene Specialist training and performance to assigned supervisor. Trains and evaluates any new latent print examiner during their training period.

Responsible for the acquisition of grant monies to be used for the purchase of new and or needed equipment in the crime laboratory. Writes grants; researches availability of grants; makes recommendations; understands the technology and use of the equipment.

Directs individual accomplishment toward organizational objectives. Expresses honest feedback to the crime laboratory manager. Maintains and compiles training manuals for the disciplines of latent prints and footwear/tire tread evidence; assists in the compilation of training manuals for all other crime lab disciplines and functions.

Processes, compares and analyzes latent prints and footwear/tire tread evidence. Operates a camera requiring precise hand movements; mixes chemicals and powders using proper safety techniques. Cleans and maintains laboratory equipment. Responds to crime scenes at all hours of day. Performs functions of Crime Lab Technician (see most recent job description).

Communicates with external law enforcement agency personnel and persons at crime scenes. Works to identify deceased persons at various stages of death. Provides technical and scientific support in criminal investigations. Testifies in court as an expert witness.

Writes reports on all analyses or examinations using a computer terminal requiring continuous and repetitive arm/hand/eye movement; utilizes AFIS computer system for searches and entries.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

Knowledge of:

Working knowledge of photographic procedures

Must be qualified as an expert witness in one additional forensic science field, i.e. firearms examination, fracture matching.

Ability to:

Call-outs and overtime

Must be able to operate standard office and laboratory equipment including a computer

Work with and understand the AFIS system

Work with identification of deceased persons at various stages of death

Clean and maintain equipment

Possess a valid standard Arizona driver's license with no major driving citations in the last 39 months

Visually distinguish full range of color spectrum in order to collect and process evidence

Work with various chemicals and powders and follow related safety procedures

Work at crime scenes which may require bending, lifting, climbing, digging, working at different heights and on rough surfaces, etc.

Education & Experience

Two years college coursework in chemistry or a related area is required and four years experience as a fingerprint examiner with a law enforcement agency. A bachelor's degree in a physical science is highly desirable. Must be certified as a Latent Print Examiner by the International Association for Identification.

FLSA Status: Non-exempt

HR Ordinance Status: Classified